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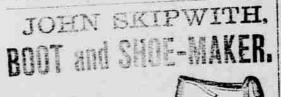
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Cuban liberty is the subject of thought and expression throughout the country. The war has been raging two years and more, and the Cubans are being butchered like so many cattle wherever the Spaniards get a chance to do so. It sickens one to read the accounts of these merciless atrocities practiced upon a people struggling to be free. The question before the public mind as, What will the United States do in the matter? There is a general feeling that the United States ought not longer disregard Cuba in this terrible con-

We heard two men discussing the ondition of the country a few days 130. They were both intelligent men, but took opposite views on the subject under discussion. One said the country generally is in deplorable condition, the people not having the necessaries fax and adjoining counties and in the of life and property being of little value. The other said that is a mistake. He said at his town the people are as well off as they have ever been. The loss in property value, he said, is made find her theory strongly confirmed by up in the thousand and one things that people enjoy more than they did formerly. He mentioned bicycles, horses and buggies, and referred to the time them. Men are, after all, but plastic tempt to trim lo every breeze that appalling war; and not only so, but when only a few men in a township had a buggy.

> It has already developed that the colored man Isaac B. Allen who was elected State Treasurer of Massachusettes, is unworthy the confidence of his own race. He is said to be a man of immoral life and glories in the fact hat he is black, because he is so black He recently said, "I am glad I am as black as I am." This, it will be re membered, is the man whom the Mas suchusetts Republicans nominated as joke; but he was elected and they have more on their hands "than they bargained for." THE COMMONWEALTH ome months ago made some observa ion on the danger of "practical jokes," and we think the predicament in which he Massachusetts State Council finds itself proves the wisdom of the propo-

The President's message has receive ed more attention than any other literary production of the same length in this country for the past ten days. It SCOTLAND NECK STEAM DYE WORKS is remarkable how many people seem intensely interested in it, when in real truth they neither feel much interest in it nor know much about what is discussed after they have read it. It is something like it was with many persons who visited the World's Fair Many would ask of friends "Did you see such and such, and so and so? they had very little idea about the pieces to which they referred. So with he President's message. "Have you read the message?" "How did the message strike you?" "What do you think of the President's message?" In many cases one answer will do just as well as another, for the interrogator has

and words of President-message logic. Halifax Criminal court last week had diate neighborhood. It works entirely more than a hundred cases in all, and in the line with the co-operative inin conversation with Judge Meares we stinct that thrills our age; the feeblest asked him. what per cent. of the criminal cases is due either directly or indi- Of course, crops still suffer from viorectly to the influence of strong drink. lent storms and ships are wrecked. The He said that a large majority of the farmer can not go and uproof his crops qualifications, and finding them good, fighting scrapes and homicides are the result of whiskey; but not so many cases of larceny come from liquor. Sometimes, he said, cases of larceny can be traced to the influence of whiskey. Judge Meares' opinion is in accord with Lord Chief Justice Hale's of England, only Judge Meares put his per cent. much lower than Justice Hale, who said more than two hundred years ago that with twenty years' observation. by reason of his position in the kingdom, he was satisfied that four-fifths of the criminal proceedings in the English courts were traceable to excessive

There is no doubt that the liquor traffic and its attendant evils draw frenzy of martial music in his veins, more heavily on the State's resources swept onward by the enthusiasm of act on each other. Both cause ignothan any other single thing with which

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ABOUT WEATHER REPORTS. Some Rambling Thoughts.

BY "NEMO."

(Copyrighted.) (These "Thoughts" by a layman, are read in five hundred thousand homes, scattered in every State of the Union. In this county they will be tound week by week in the columns of this paper only, as we have made arrangements with the author for their exclusive publication.)

Each individual male reader will have to judge of the justice of the following attack upon our sex. It is the expression of a woman's opinion; "The very eagerness of a man for his meals shows him to be an interior animal. Keep him hungry when he reaches pike system. . . . It has carried, home and there is peace neither for God nor woman, for he finds fault with learn that there is a move on foot both. To make a man docile and tract- among some of the citizens to superable you must treat him like a snake, sede the proper course . . . and to gorge him." This may be brilliant, use force in making them free at once but it is too severe, particularly as wo- . . . If torce is to be used in adman from the story of Eden onward vance of the law we will take up the has not shown great skill in managing cause of the gates and do all we can to man to conceive. But men will consnakes; and possibly not much more bring the guilty parties to justice. . in managing men. The woman, to We are for Lewis county, its people, with this and that gratification, will wise." clay, and take on readily the forms into blows. which the gentle hands of woman mould them. This also has been shown from the story of Eden onward. At least that is what "Nemo" thinks.

Never have any hesitation about held down to the knowledge we could ecquire by personal travel and investi- He who knows and knows that he gation the amount we did not know would be even more monumental than it now is. But beware, you omnivoous learners, of acquiring ideas and hen having them remain unassimilated, like the food on an overloaded brain, your power.

To be sincere in this advice as to it was made. skepticism, I should have to warn you would include even these "Thoughts." particle of the great universe of Truth divine and human, in which we live, partake, some more and some less, as

It is quite the regular thing to find fault with the weather forecasts issued from Washington and local bureaus. Wasn't it fine!" When in very truth Surely because we expect too great a pre-science from fallible men. When we remember that observations in the upper strata of air are still practically fluence upon the lower strata, from whose conditions the forecast has been calculated, then we shall be ready to concede that the bureau does great not read it himself. It takes something things. By means of its work the avmore than the promptions of idle curi- erage farmer or coastwise mariner can osity to make a man read thirty thous- gain knowledge at a given moment of general conditions in the most remote regions, as well as in his own immeaided and advised by trained experts. just because a cyclone is coming. But soon after secured his appointment on more than once in every year each farknowledge of the probabilities of twenhour throughout the year some one gains immense benefit from his forewarned condition.

> A really brave deed always arouses enthusiasm; and not all brave deeds call for blood. With the hoarse pulsation of the drum in his ear, the rattle be found after many days." of the musketry on every side, the shouts and of numbers, the soldier will rance and disease, parents of all vice glory a throwing away his life like a and unhappiness.

flower. But we are all called to a heroism far transcending that, a heroism that keeps us quietly and unobstrusively working for national and personal betterment in our little sphere unknown to the rest of the world, cheered by the applause of men, unaided by the hoarsethroated cannon. Let me give publicity to one such brave deed, at least.

The newspapers from east to west have contained casual references to the recent burning of toll-gates by mobs in Kentucky. Right in the disaffected region lives the editor of the Vanceburg Sun, terribly dependent upon his local patrons as all country editors are. Yet on on his first page he places a notice two columns wide and surrounded by a border. Abbreviated it is as fol-

"The Sun 18, has always been, and always will be, so long as the present management has the say-so in its columns, an advocate of the free turnand the result is assured. We now

whom a man is nothing more than a and their interests so long as they abide thing to be petted and pampered by the will of justice, but not other-

This is as brave an editorial utterthe "animal" within him. But the ance as I have seen for a long time, woman who believes in other, grander and is grandly refreshing after that possibilities in man will find them which takes the life out of so much tions of the world have agreed to arbithere, because she expects and demands writing that could be powerful, the at- trate a difficulty which threatened an

> He who knows not and knows not that he knows not is a fool; shun

He who knows not and knows that he knows not is receptive; teach him. learning from others. If we each were He who knows and knows not that he knows is asleep; awake him.

knows is wise; follow him."

Blue Coat and Gray.

Our Dumb Animals.

In 1864, several Union and Confedstomach. As to learning, I would say, erate wounded soldiers lay in a farmbe in a skeptical frame of mind; reject house in the Shenandoah Valley. he things that you prove to be untrue; Mrs. B.---, the mother of one of the prove, or that reach you from reliable as she could. Her house was burned, ritory of Abyssinia. sources, and let them become part of the plantation in ruins, trampled down

As she sat watching her boy sip the ple against accepting statements just be- steaming, savory broth, her eye caught cause they are in print; alas, this the eager, hungry look of a man on the next cot. He was a Yankee, perhaps For them I ask no hearing, no recption one of the very band who had burned gery and science. except where they interpret some little her home. She was a bitter secessionist. But she was also a noble-hearted make a most superb leap through bar-Christian woman. Her eye stole back and of which we permit ourselves to to the pale, sunken face; and she re- divine thirst in Man to know can be membered the words of the Master, "If thine enemy thirst, give him drink."

After a moment's pause, and with pressed lips, for it required all the mora bowl with the broth and put it to his Spain. Armenia is still in peril at the lips, repeating to herself the words, "For His sake; for His sake; for His in his rule of ruin and rapine. sake I do it." Then she brought fresh unattainable, and yet that those high hands as gently as if he, too, had been changed to the North. Last winter the going backward? son of a Senator from a Northern State brought home with him during the Christmas vacation, a young engineer from Virginia. He was the only living son of Mrs. B---, the boy whom Hit seems to mc dose Spanyards better she had nursed having been killed du- Er pullin' down de stars and stripes an' ring the later years of the war. She had struggled for years to educate this Insultin' uv our Konsuls an' er preachboy as a civil engineer, and had done it. But without influence he could not obtain position, and was supporting Ef dey can't whip little Cuba, don't nimself by copying.

Senator Blank inquired into his the staff of engineers employed to conmer and seaman is greatly aided by his struct an important railway. The Senator enclosed with the appointment a Er sneekin' roun' de day time but allus ty-four hours, and thereby are dollars letter to Mrs. B-, reminding her and lives freely saved. The fateful mo- of the farmhouse on the Shenandonh, ment of the season is naturally differ- and adding, "I was the wounded man ent for every locality, so that each to whom you gave that bowl of broth." The divine principle embodied in this act of the true-hearted Southern

mother was never better exemplified; and the fruit of it, like those of every obedience to divine law, was a natural de cannon roa result and fulfilment of the promise that "Bread cast upon the waters shall

Poverty and drunkenness act and re-

MOVING ONWARD. THE VICTORIES OF HALF CENTURY.

What of the NewCentury?

Charlotte Observer.

Anno Domoni 1897. In one fast. fleeting month Father Time, his scythe hung across his bent shoulders, as he treads his way across the stepping stones of the years, will have crossed from '96 to '97. And then he will be only three years distant from the summit of a century. We are already past the gray dawn of the new century. The first rays of its sunrise are leaping up above the hilltop of 1900.

SILVERWARE! We have seen skilled athletes, some climbing upon the strong shoulders of others, until they reach three, four, perhaps five rows up in the air. So with men to-day. We have climbed upon the shoulders of the generations of the past until we have reached a point of eminent progress. To what greater heights the coming generations may climb upon our dead selves, eye hath not seen nor ear heard; neither hath it entered into the heart of tinue to reach out and up, to progress, to attain, until the ideal of the millennium is come.

Is the world any the better? May we note aught in passing events and present conditions to allow us to enthrone optimism and exite pessimism? The two great English speaking na-

have practically agreed to decide all M. T. WARRY MARKET future disagreements by arbitation,

This understanding not only insures justice to a country whose territory was in danger of being curtailed, but the moral effect of it upon the earth, and to serve my old Friends and customers from North Carolina with the best the precedent it established for all future time, in the uplift of the olive branch and the leashing of the dogs of war, must be of incalculable good.

In our own country we have seen a great issue that distracted men to the point of infuriation settled peacefully by the baliot. A President of a Christian nation for the first time in its history has dared to speak in a State paper of the Author and Finisher of the Christian faith.

We have seen justice prevail against read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest latter, rode ten miles every day to see might in the treaty of peace which ill the truths that you prove and ap- her boy, bringing such little comforts drives the armies of Italy from the ter-

We have seen the most potent man you; just as the steak you eat and as by the army. One day she carried him of influence from a barbarous nation of similate is no longer steak, but has be some beef tea. Every drop was pre- inconceivable extent and population come part of you, your blood, your cious; for it was with difficulty that studying civilization in the West that she had obtained the beet from which he might furnish his fertile mind with ideas for the betterment of his own peo-

We have seen the discovery of a search light which pierces the human flesh and proves a marvelous aid to sur-

We have seen modern exploration riers of Arctic ice toward the North Pole, which must be discovered ere the

It is true the picture has its shadows. Cuba, the little island that should blossom and bloom in the eternal sunshine of the tropics, is stripped and desal force she could command, she filled olate in the throes of bloody war with hands of the unspeakable Turk, but the oppressor has at least been checked up This retrospect covers a period of

in four months I paid off the mortgage water, and bathed the soldier's face and hardly half of the passing decade. What, then, might not be said of the strides of art and science and civilizawell by giving this a trial. Miss A. M. requires are liable to exert sudden in- her son. The next day when she re-Fritz, Station A, St. Louis, Mo., will turned, he was gone, having been ex- century? Can we believe the world is

(Written for THE COMMONWEALTH.) DE BOOT OF UNCLE SAM.

raisin' sich er shout,

in' from er book. Whilst day chillun in our backyard keep er sassin' uv our cook. cher kno' dair name is clam?

tackle Uncle Sam? I tell ye, Sah, hit makes me mad ter see Bridal Presents in Sterling and Plated de way dey totes, Er shootin' ny de prizners in' proy coats;

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home at night. Manuverin' an' plannin' on de bes' way not ter fight. cud take ole marster's squirl gun an' whip 'em quick an' ca'm, Me an' er nudder gemman, and his

name is Uncle Sam. o, wuddent hit be music for de veterans unce mo', Ter leed de line o' battle and ter heah 9 24 tf

An' wuddent hit jes' tickle de ole Johnny Reb as well Ter git in Ginral Weyler's reah and raise de Rebel yell? Dey'd hit 'em unc't, an' den he'd say

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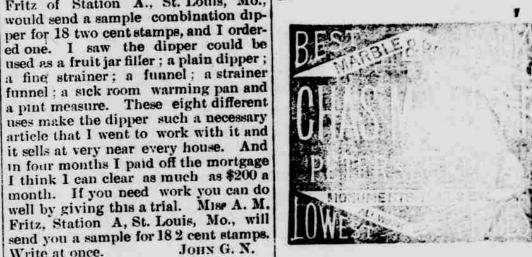
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